



Friday 23rd September 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It's only been four days but we've enjoyed another fantastic week here at Penpol. What never ceases to amaze me is how swiftly and confidently your children settle into their new classes and there is a tangible buzz of learning everywhere in the school. Very well done all!

Multi Academy Trust Consultation

As many of you will be aware, the government produced a White Paper earlier in the year setting a clear course towards all schools joining a Multi Academy Trust by 2030. We have been giving this a great deal of thought as a school and are keen to take the course of action which best preserves the uniqueness and success of our school for long into the future, whilst we have the agency to do so.

Following extensive research and an initial consultation with colleagues and governors earlier this week, we would now like to consult you, our parent and guardian community, on the prospect of becoming a member school of Leading Edge Academies Partnership. We know that many of you will have questions about this proposal and invite you to join us and the Leading Edge leadership team for a meeting here at Penpol on Monday 10th October at 4:30pm. If you are not able to make this meeting and have questions that you would like to ask, please don't hesitate to catch me at any other point or pop your questions into an email. Thank you for your support and involvement in steering the right course for our school.

Forest School Stay and Play

It has been great to welcome prospective parents and pupils to look around the school, ahead of applying for Reception places for September 2023. We are delighted to be able to offer a number of Forest School Stay and Play sessions throughout the year and these will return on weekly basis for the summer term. The first of these sessions will be on **Wednesday 5th October at 2pm** and will be open to all children nearing school age and their parent/carer. For any further information, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We look forward to seeing you there!

Author Visit

Next Tuesday, we will be joined by author Andrew Glover. Andrew will be meeting with children across the school throughout the day, sharing his stories and talking about his exciting job as an author. Andrew will also be on hand after school to sell signed copies of some of his books, if you would like to purchase them. Please come prepared with cash rather than cards if so!



Penpol Friends Association

Our Penpol Friends Association needs you! If you are able to support our ongoing fundraising and events in any way, we would love to hear from you. All are welcome to join our Annual General Meeting on Thursday 17th November at 3:15pm. At the meeting, we will also be electing our new Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer – all exciting opportunities for anyone able to offer a little more time. If you would like to learn more about these roles, please do get in touch at my email address below.

Hello Yellow Day

As you will have seen in a recent email, Monday 10th October is Hello Yellow Day. Raising awareness of children's mental health and wellbeing, the day also supports the Young Minds charity. Children are invited to wear their own clothes, with something yellow, with any donations gratefully received. ☺



School Run Parking and Driving

There have been a number of incidents in the community recently involving children and cars parked or driving dangerously. Thankfully, although injuries have occurred no-one has been seriously hurt so far. It is paramount that, if driving anywhere near the school site during drop-off or collection times, all road users **exercise extreme caution and park only where legal and safe**. Our local traffic wardens will be patrolling the area regularly to support. Thank you all.

Holiday Requests

Following the pandemic, it is more important than ever that children are in school as much as possible to help them learn and grow. As schools, we now have very few options in terms of authorising time away from school during term time and can do so only in exceptional circumstances. However, we do appreciate your continued openness in discussing any absences with us and are here to help should you wish to talk anything through.

Pupil Premium Eligibility

Finally, you may have seen a letter earlier in the week about Free School Meal and Pupil Premium eligibility. If you have not already, please do take the time to check this as families are often surprised to find themselves eligible. Doing so can provide free school meals for at least six years and additional funding for the school to support your child. Thank you all!

Thank you all for your continued support. We wish you a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

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